IAMES, by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting: Whereas Our welbeloued Subiect, *Benedict Webbe*, of Kingeswood, in Our Countie of Wiltes, Clothier, hauing in his trauell beyond the Seas, about twenty yeeres last past, obserued a kinde of Oyle to bee made of Rape-seede, and other small round Seedes, for the vse of Clothing, and vpon many chargeable tryals and endeauours continued almost euer since; hath now at last attained to the perfect Art and skill of making the said Oyle of Rape-seede and other small seedes aforesaid: which Oyle, vpon tryall thereof made, by many Clothiers of Our Counties of Wiltes, Glouceſter, and Somerset, is found farre better for the vse of Clothing then that which hath beene yeerely brought out of the Low Countries, and as vsefull as the Spanish Oyle yeerely imported into this Our Kingdome of England, and bought at deare rates and prices, for the vse of the finest sort of Clothes, by which Manufacture and Inuention of making the said vsefull Oyle of Seedes at home within our owne Dominions, the whole Drapery of this Our Kingdome may be in short time supplyed with fitting Oyle for Clothing, without the helpe of any Oyle from forraigne parts, and at cheaper rates then are now paid for the same, besides the setting of many of Our poore Subiects on worke, and the great enriching of much barren land in this our Kingdome, for that the said Oyle-seeds doe best prosper vpon dry and sandy grounds, which being otherwise of small vse and profit, will (after some few yeeres imployment in Tillage for the said Oyle-seede) become fruitfull for Corne, and giue good returne to the Husbandman. In consideration whereof, and of the publike good which will redound to this whole Common-wealth by this profitable Inuention and Manufacture of Rape-seede Oyle, the said *Benedict Webbe* hath by his humble Petition desired, that Wee should be graciously pleased to grant vnto him the priuiledge and benefit of this Art and Inuention, for the sole making of Oyle of Rape-seede and other Seedes, within this Our Realme of England and Dominion of Wales, for the terme hereafter specified. Know ye therefore, that Wee taking the Premisses into Our gracious consideration, and being willing to cherish all Our louing Subiects in such ingenuous and profitable Inuentions, whereby the barren parts of the Land may be improoued to more fruit and profit, the Manufactures of Our owne Kingdome increased, and Our owne people thereby set on worke; and finding it agreeable to Our Honour and Iustice, that the Authors and first Inuentors thereof should in some measure reape the fruit of their labours, charge, and industries, for incouragement to them and others, in the like good and lawdable endeauours hereafter, haue for these considerations, and others Vs specially mooving, of Our especiall grace, certaine knowledge, and meere motion, giuen and granted, and by these presents, for Vs, Our Heires and Successours, doe giue and grant vnto the said *Benedict Webbe*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assignes, full and free libertie, license, power, and authority, that hee the said *Benedict Webbe*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assignes, or any of them, by himselfe or themselues, or his or their Deputies, Factors, Seruants, or Workemen, shall and may, at all and euery time and times, and from time to time, during the terme hereafter, in, and by these presents, granted and limited, at their owne proper cost and charges, vse, exercise, practise, and put in vre, within Our Realme of England and Dominion of Wales, or any part thereof, the said Art, Mysterie, Way, and meanes of making Oyle of Rape-seedes and other like Seedes, sowne or to be sowne within Our Realme or Dominion aforesaid, for the vse of Clothing, or for any other vse whatsoeuer. And for the better effecting thereof, to frame, erect, and set vp, in any place or places within the said Realme of England and Dominion of Wales, any Mill or Milles, house or houses, Engine or Engines whatsoeuer, fit and necessary for the putting in vre and practice of the said Arte, Mysterie, Way, or meanes of preparing, grinding, working, and making of the said Oyle of Rape-seedes, or other like Seedes, to be sowne and had within Our said Realme of England and Dominion of Wales aforesaid, vsefull to the end and purposes aforesaid, or any of them, or to any other end or purpose whatsoeuer: and the same Oyle so made and fitted for vse, to vtter and sell, or otherwise to dispose of or doe away, at the free will and pleasure of him the said *Benedict Webbe*, his Executors, Administrators, or Assignes, or any of them, and for their, euery or any of their best profit and commoditie. And that this Our Grant and Priuiledge may take the better effect, and the said *Benedict Webbe*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assignes, receiue and enioy the full benefit of the same, according to Our gracious intention hereby declared, Wee will, and by these presents, for Vs, Our Heires, and Successours, doe straightly charge, prohibit, and forbid: And doe also of Our more especiall grace, certaine knowledge, and meere motion, grant to the said *Benedict Webbe*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assignes, and euery of them; that no person or persons whatsoeuer, borne within any of Our Realmes or Dominions, or any other person or persons, either Denizens or Strangers, borne in any forraine Realmes or Countries, of what estate, degree, or condition he or they be, or shall be, other then the said *Benedict Webbe*, his Executors,

Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, and ſuch as ſhall be by him the ſaid *Benedict Webbe*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſignes, or ſome of them, ſet on worke or authorized, ſhall or may, at any time or times during the terme, by theſe preſents granted, practiſe, vſe, exerciſe, and put in vre the ſaid Arte or Myſterie of making Oyle of Rape-ſeedes, or other Seedes, or by any way, meanes, or deuice whatſoeuer, not heeretofore vſed within Our ſaid Realme of England or Dominion of Wales, prepare, grinde, or worke the ſaid Rape-ſeedes, or other Seedes, for the making of Oyle, or ſet vp, frame, make, or vſe any Mill or Milles, Engine or Engines, for the grinding or making of any Oyle of Rape-ſeedes, or other Seedes, within Our Realme of England or Dominion of Wales, or any place or places in them, or either of them, vpon paine of the heauy indignation and diſpleaſure of Vs, Our Heires, and Succeſſours, and vpon ſuch further paines, penalties, fines, impriſonment, and other puniſhment, as by any Lawes or Statutes of this Our Realme of England, can or may be inflicted or impoſed vpon the offendours, for their diſobedience in contemning Our Royall Commandement in this behalfe. To haue, and to hold, vſe, exerciſe, and enioy, all and euery the ſaid Licenſes, Powers, Priuiledges, Authorities, Benefits, and other the Premiſſes, vnto the ſaid *Benedict Webbe*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, from the date of theſe preſents, for, and during the terme, and vnto the full end and terme of foureteene yeeres from thence next enſuing, fully to be compleate and ended: Yeelding and paying therefore yeerely, during the ſaid terme, to Vs, Our Heires, and Succeſſours, the yeerely rent or ſumme of fiue pounds, at the feaſt of Saint *Michael* the Archangell, onely, or within twenty dayes next after the ſame feaſt yeerely, at the Receit of Our Exchequer, or to the Recorder of the County of Glouceſter for the time being. And Wee doe further by theſe preſents, for Vs, Our Heires, and Succeſſours, giue and grant vnto the ſaid *Benedict Webbe*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, and euery of them, full power, licenſe, and authority, that he, they, or any of them, by himſelfe, or themſelues, or his, their, or any of their Deputies, Factors, Agents or Seruants, ſhall and may from time to time, and at all times during the ſaid terme of foureteene yeeres, with the aſſiſtance of a Conſtable, or ſome other Officer, in due and lawfull manner, enter into all and euery houſe and houſes, place and places conuenient, within Our ſaid Realme of England and Dominion of Wales, as well within liberties as without, where he or they, or any of them ſhall haue cauſe to ſuſpect, that any Mill or Milles, or other Engine or Engines ſhall be erected, ſet vp, vſed, or imployed, for the grinding, preparing, or making of any Oyle of Rape-ſeeds, or other the Seeds aforeſaid: And alſo in like maner, enter aboard any Ship, Lighter, Boate, or other Veſſell, wherin any ſuch Oyle made within this Realme, contrary to the true intent of theſe preſents, or any Seeds prepared for making of Oyle, contrary to the true intent of theſe preſents, ſhalbe probably ſuſpected to be laden, ſhipped, or carried frō one Port, Hauen, or Creek, within Our ſaid Realm of England & Dominion of Wales, vnto another, by, or for any perſon or perſons, other then for the vſe of the ſaid *Benedict Webbe*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſignes, or by, or with his or their licenſe or authority: And there carefully and diligently, by all like good and lawfull wayes and meanes, to try and ſearch for all ſuch Oyle made of Rape-ſeedes, or other the Seedes aforeſaid, and for all ſuch Seedes, and other materials, prepared for the making of ſuch Oyle, and not wrought or conuerted into Oyle, as ſhall bee found in any ſuch houſe, Mill, or place, vpon the Land, or in any Ship, Boate, or Veſſell, water-borne or otherwiſe, attempted to be vſed or imployed, made or vented within Our ſaid Realme of England or Dominion of Wales aforeſaid, contrary to the true meaning of theſe preſents, and finding any ſuch, or any reſiſtance in the execution heereof; that then hee or they, or any of them, doe certifie the ſame into the Court of Exchequer of Vs, Our Heires, and Succeſſours, to the end the offenders therein may receiue condigne puniſhment for the ſame their offences; vnto which Court of Exchequer, Wee doe by theſe preſents, for Vs, Our Heires and Succeſſours, giue power and authority vpon ſuch Certificate as aforeſaid, and due proofe of the ſaid miſdemeanors or offences, to inflict ſuch puniſhment by fine and impriſonment, or otherwiſe, vpon the offenders, as to the ſaid Court ſhall bee thought meete, and the ſaid offences to deſerue. And We doe alſo by theſe preſents, for Vs, Our Heires, and Succeſſours, will and command, as well all and ſinguler Maiors, Sheriffes, Iuſtices of Peace, Bayliffes, Conſtables, and Headboroughes, as alſo all Cuſtomers, Controllers, Searchers, and other Officers of any of Our Ports, or belonging to the Admiralty: and to all other Officers, Miniſters, and Subiects whatſoeuer, of Vs, Our Heires, and Succeſſours, that they and euery of them, be from time to time, ayding, helping, and aſſiſting, vnto the ſaid *Benedict Webbe*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes, and to euery of them, their Deputies, Seruants, and Workemen, in all things, in, and about the accompliſhment of Our pleaſure, expreſſed in theſe Our Letters Patents, and in the exerciſe and execution of the ſame, and of all and euery Article, Clauſe, and thing in them contained: And that they, or any of them, doe not in any wiſe hinder, moleſt, or interrupt the ſaid *Benedict Webbe*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſignes, or his or their Deputies, Seruants, or Workemen, or any of them, in any thing concerning the premiſſes, as they tender Our pleaſure, and will anſwere for the contrary at their perils. And theſe our Letters Patents, or the Inrolment thereof, ſhall be their ſufficient warrant and diſcharge in that behalfe. And further, of Our eſpeciall grace, certaine knowledge, and meere motion, Wee doe, for Vs, Our Heires, and Succeſſours, grant vnto the ſaid *Benedict Webbe*, his Executours, Adminiſtratours, and Aſſignes, that theſe preſents, or the Inrolment of the ſame ſhall ſtand and be, and ſhall be ſo conſtrued and taken, to be good, firme, effectuall, and ſufficient in the Law, for all the intents and purpoſes aforeſaid, and moſt auaileable for the benefit of the ſaid *Benedict Webbe*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſignes: Notwithſtanding, the not particular, or not exact deſcribing of the manner of preparing or working of the ſaid Seedes, or making or extracting the ſaid Oyle: And notwithſtanding the not deſcribing of the Milles, Preſſes, or other Engines, Tooles, Inſtruments, or Deuices, by which the ſame is to be done or effected: And notwithſtanding, the not naming, or not rightly naming the Seedes or materials whereof the ſaid Oyle is to be made, or any other incertainety or defect whatſoeuer, in theſe Our Letters Patents notwithſtanding. Although expreſſe mention of the true yeerely value, or certaintie of the Premiſſes, or any of them, or of any other gifts or grants, by Vs, or by any of Our Progenitors or Predeceſſors to the ſaid *Benedict Webbe* before this time made in theſe preſents, is not made: Or any Statute, Act, Ordinance, Prouiſion, Proclamation, or Reſtraint heretofore had, made, ſet foorth, ordained, or prouided: Or any other thing, cauſe, or matter whatſoeuer to the contrary thereof, in any wiſe notwithſtanding. In witneſſe whereof, We haue cauſed theſe Our Letters to be made Patents. *Witneſſe Our ſelfe at Weſtminſter, the eighteenth day of December, in the two and twentieth yeere of Our Reigne of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the eight and fiftieth.*

Per Breue de priuato Sigillo. *Tong* and *Pye.*